

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #81B-8 Building Date: 1860's, ca. 1900
Building Name: Dyson Farmhouse
Location: 13010 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Dyson farmhouse is located on the east side of the old Piscataway road about one-half mile north of the village of Piscataway. It is a large two-and-one-half-story cross-gabled house, which consists of a four-bay-by-three-bay main block, and a rear wing which gives the building a T-shape. The three-bay west gable end faces the road and has a major entrance through a transomed door in the third bay; the principal elevation, however, is the four-bay north facade. There is an entrance in the first bay of this north facade through a door with single-pane transom. Above the second and third bays at loft level is a central cross gable with returned boxed cornice; centered in the cross-gable is a small lunette window. Wrapping around the north and west facades is a one-story porch supported by turned bracketed posts. Extending south from the center of and at right angles to the main block is a two-and-one-half-story gable roofed wing. There is a corbelled brick chimney centered at the ridge of the main block, and another interior chimney near the south gable end of the wing. The cornices are boxed with crown moldings, and are returned at all gable ends. The house is covered with white asbestos shingle.

Significance

The Dyson Farmhouse is a two-part building, the main block of which may be a rebuilt version of a pre-Civil War dwelling. It stands above the Piscataway Creek on a parcel of land known as Bealle's Mill Place, and is a noticeable landmark along the Piscataway Road. This 228-acre farm was the property of Bennett and Eleanor Gwynn, who owned considerable property in the Piscataway area during the period following the Civil War. The Beall's Mill property was never the Gwynn's home place; it may have been the home of G.A. Havener, blacksmith, indicated on the Martenet Map of 1861. In 1902, the 228-acre farm was purchased by Raphael Parker, and it was during the Parker ownership that the T-shaped wing was constructed, significantly increasing the size of the building. For a large part of this century this large and handsome house was the home place of the Dyson family. In 1975 it was purchased by the present owner who is attempting to restore it to its former appearance. It is an important and noticeable landmark on the Piscataway Road.

Acreage: 11.18 acres

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dyson Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13010 Piscataway Road (Maryland Route 223) ___ not for publication

city, town Clinton Piscataway
___ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Cave

street & number 13010 Piscataway Road telephone no.: 292-5449

city, town Clinton state and zip code Maryland 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #4580

street & number Main Street folio 422

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state ☒ county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #81B-8

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Extending south from the center of and at right angles to the main block is a two-and-one-half-story gable roofed wing. There is a corbelled brick chimney centered at the ridge of the main block, and another interior chimney near the south gable end of the wing. The cornices are boxed with crown moldings, and are returned at all gable ends. Filling the southeast interior corner of the T is a one-story enclosed porch.

The house is covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash with plain board surrounds. The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. There is no basement, but the hand-hewn sill beams of the main block can be observed from a crawl space. The piers on which the house rests have been infilled with concrete block.

There are several small frame gable roofed sheds southeast of the house. Southwest of the house near the road is a large tobacco barn with wide vertical siding, a tin roof, and a shed wing sloping to the south.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #81B-8

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History

Specific dates 1860's, ca. 1900 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Dyson Farmhouse¹ is a two-part building, the main block of which may be a rebuilt version of a pre-Civil War dwelling. It stands above the Piscataway Creek on a parcel of land known as Bealle's Mill Place, and is a noticeable landmark along the Piscataway Road. This 228-acre farm was the property of Bennett and Eleanor Gwynn, who owned considerable property in the Piscataway area during the period following the Civil War. The Beall's Mill property was apparently never the Gwynn's home place (they lived south of Surrattsville at Mount Auburn, which no longer stands), but the hand-hewn finish of the sill beams suggests that a building stood at this location before the Civil War; it may be the house of G.A. Havener, blacksmith, indicated on the Martenet Map of 1861.²

In 1902, the 228-acre farm was purchased by Raphael Parker, and it was during the Parker ownership that the T-shaped wing was constructed, significantly increasing the size of the building. In 1920, the Parkers sold 11.6 acres including the house to Elmer and Ella Gwynn Dyson; for a large part of this century this large and handsome house was the home place of the Dyson family. In 1975 it was purchased by the present owner who is attempting to restore it to its former appearance.³ It is an important and noticeable landmark on the Piscataway Road.

Notes

¹ Due to an error in mapping at the time of the 1974 survey, this property was confused with Tarman property nearly a mile to the north, and designated the "Old Tarman Farm."

² Prince George's County Land Records HB #6:488; Martenet and G.M. Hopkins Maps of Prince George's County, 1861, 1878.

³ Prince George's County Land Records #8:113; #152:232; #4580:422.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11.18 a.

Tax Map 142, parcel 189

Quadrangle name Piscataway, Section A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1985street & number c/o County Planning Division, M-NCPPC
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Tarman Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Piscataway Road, near Mary Catherine Estates

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway (Clinton)

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

owned by Prince George's Board of Educ.? Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story frame farmhouse, built in a cruciform-type plan so that the two sections run north to south and east to west. The result is that there are four gabled facades, extending from the center of the structure. The main (west) three-bay entrance facade faces directly on Piscataway Road. Chimneys are internal stove flues, and one-story porches cross the west and north facades. Present siding is asbestos shingle. To the east, in a wide open field overlooking the Piscataway Valley, is a large, ca. 1900 tobacco barn, with two lantern-type vents in the ridge of the roof.

NOTE: Check location-House here had a "for sale" sign (Casey Realty) but tax maps indicate the property is owned by the Prince George's County Board of Education.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

 SPECIFIC DATES

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A Tarman family farm was located here in the 19th Century. It appears that the present buildings date from ca. 1900. One of few large open tracts with a view left in this area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

1/17/74

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/17/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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15.51 A.
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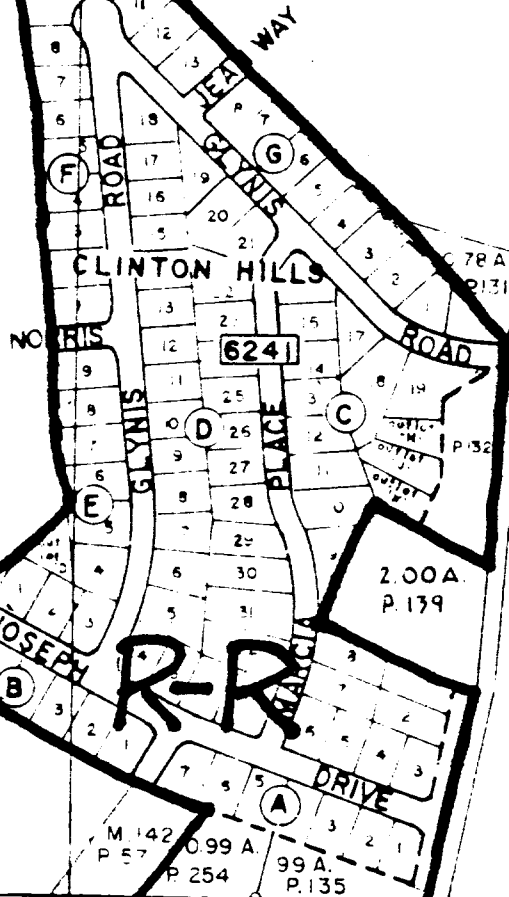
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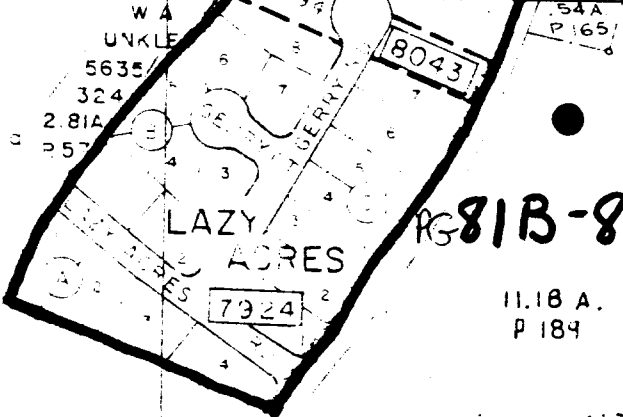
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PISCATAWAY CREEK



NAME	OLD TARMAN FARM #81B-8
LOCATION	PISCATAWAY, Rd CLINTON, Md
FACADE	SW
PHOTO TAKEN	8/1/74 MDWYER



#81B-8

NAME OLD TARMAN FARM

LOCATION PISCATAWAY Rd OPPOSITE MARY CATHERINE ESTATES CLINTON, Md

FACADE LOOKING SE TO PISCATAWAY CREEK VALLEY

PHOTO TAKEN 1/17/74 MDWYER



#81B-8

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LOCATION PISCATAWAY RD OPPOSITE MARY CATHERINE ESTATES CLINTON, Md.

FACADE LOOKING SE TO PISCATAWAY CREEK VALLEY

PHOTO TAKEN 1/17/74 MDWVER



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Dyson Farmhouse
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #81B-8

Dyson Farmhouse
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #81B-8

Dyson Farmhouse

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Dyson Farmhouse
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD